

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1888.

Ridgewood Avenue.

The Essex-Public Road Board was organized for the purpose of opening wide, well-paved roads radiating from the city of Newark in all directions to the County line. In the execution of this purpose, Bloomfield, Frelinghuysen, Washington, Park and South Orange avenues were purchased, widened, straightened, graded and paved. All these highways started at the city of Newark and extended outward. One exception to this general plan was taken, and we believe only one. Ridgewood avenue was opened in order to give a fine wide street extending from Orange to Brookdale. Its cost was large in proportion to the distance traversed. Yet the land opened up was the finest in the township. Overlooking Bloomfield and Montclair, the valleys of the Passaic and Hackensack, giving glimpses of the Palisades and the loftier objects in and around New York, it is well worth the attention of lovers of fine scenery and pleasant surroundings.

Such an avenue, so generously planned, containing already some of the finest residences in the township, is deserving of the utmost care and provision for its growth. Its wide street should be well-paved, provided with water, gas, sidewalks, crosswalks and curbs. Its bridges should be not only passable, but commodious as befits their surroundings. Proper depots should be built in convenient localities, and every facility provided, not only for the accommodation but for the luxurious accommodation of the people.

After that private dwellings should partake somewhat of the character of the avenue in size, adornment and neatness.

First there is needed a good pavement. Stone is the best, because smoother, more durable, and less likely to be affected by the frost of Winter and the early Spring rains.

Then the bridges should be wide—not like the one at present building over the N. Y. & G. L. R. This is useful but not ornamental. A proper bridge would have the width of the avenue (80 feet) and some pretensions to beauty. An occasional coat of paint, for instance, would do no damage.

The railroad is interested in this, for at this point should their Glen Ridge depot be placed—built after the pattern of the one upon the D. L. & W. R. It would prove a great attraction to the N. Y. & G. L. R. and the adjacent property. The stop at Baldwin street and Highland avenue might then be discontinued, and there would exist no necessity for a depot on Benson street and Wildwood Terrace. Such a depot would accommodate the people of Glen Ridge as well as those farther north on Ridgewood, Forest and Highland avenues. It would prove to be an important competing point for traffic. The logic of events will some day demand the use of this spot for a depot and the sooner it is understood by both Rail road and residents in its vicinity the better. Those interested would no doubt contribute liberally to secure a good depot and bridge at this point.

The District Clerk of School District No. 7 informs us that Mr. F. N. Moffat is now taking the school census, and that the statistics asked for by Mr. F. H. Pilch in his letter last week will be furnished at the end of the present month.

The Homing Pigeon
By ways upseen,—to scenes unknown,—
Converged in darkness—all alone,
And then upon the bleak world thrown
To fly or fall,

The homing pigeon makes no man,
But cleaves the gale.

Through storm and calm, by night and day,
On spreading wings he speeds away.

Nor fay may stop, nor tempter stay
His long career;

That single law he will obey.

While makes home dear.

Thus is it with the soul of man;
Brought hither through some occult plan,

We know not when our lives began,

Nor whence they tend;

But struggle on, and hope to see

Home at the end.

FREDERICK H. PILCH.

Newark, N. J., April 30, 1888.

Cardinal McCloskey's Investment in the Mutual.

Policy of Cardinal John McCloskey, No. 57,715, was issued by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, January 30th, 1867. Amount of policy, \$10,000. Ten year life plan: Original Amt. of policy \$10,000. Dividends additions 5.76

Total paid by Company Jan., 1886 \$15,762

Amount of premiums paid Company by insured \$8,772

Paid by Company in excess of premiums received \$6,990

CHAS. W. MARTIN,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

GROCER,

Bloomfield Ave. and Broad St.

Specialties:

Choice Teas and Coffees.

Creamery and Dairy

BUTTER.

Proposals for Broken

Stone.

SALE PROPOSALS are hereby solicited for broken stone, delivered at points in the Township as requested by the Road Committee. The proposals must state the price per ton of 2,000 lbs. All proposals to be submitted to the Road Committee on Wednesday evening, May 16, 1888.

Bloomfield, N. J., May 2, 1888.

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